

RECOLLECTIONS AT 10 YEARS: 1980 starts my 11th year collecting old radio programs. I'd like to share 10 years of thoughts with you. First, who am I? I am 45, divorced, have 3 children: Jeff, 19; Robin, 16; and Craig, 15. I teach piano and play professionally in bands... Now the hobby..In early January, 1970, I acquired about 100 radio programs on 4 2400' reels. Armed with these shows, a primitive catalog, one primitive and one new tape recorder and little knowledge of trading, I invaded the world of experienced collectors. My first trading friends were very patient and very helpful in making suggestions to improve my dubbing. I soon replaced my old recorder with a second new one. Since then I have replaced both of them, still using just two recorders. I got to know Jack Miller, Mel Shlank, James O' Neal, Dave Davies and George Blacker, all local traders, from whom I acquired many discs of shows that were uncirculated at that time. I also met and traded with Ed Corcoran, Don Brush and Ernie Hack, all state residents then...Because of these early contacts I had many programs people wanted. I tried to be prompt in answering letters, requesting programs and filling requests. I constantly put out supplements. Charlie Ingersoll, former head of the Radio Historical Society was very helpful and encouraging. I also tend to be organized. This, plus a little more time than some, helped me accumulate programs faster than most traders. In the first year I had over 3000 shows. My trading has now slowed down to a crawl because I am looking for certain programs and they are becoming harder to find. I now have about 5900 shows including about 760 SUSPENSE, 175 ESCAPE, 305 JACK BENNY, all Dimension X and X-1 titles, over 160 different bands, over 200 Columbia and CBS RADIO WORKSHOP, 220 GUNSMOKE, 95 INNER SANCTUM.

Friends still with me from 1970 and early 1971 are: Raleigh Barker, Bill Blalock, Burt Brown, Frank Belcour, Howard Brenner, John Dunning, Bob Ellsworth, Gary Dudash, John Furman, Dick Foss, Ken Gackler, Roger Hill, Dick Hayes, Don Koehneman, Roger Kelting, Jim Lane, Len Lawson, Lynn Lichty, Steve Lewis, Fred MacFadden, Evan MacBride, Cort Parent, Ellen Robinson, Bruce Ruggles, Francis Ramczyk, Pat McCoy, Bill Smerkanicz, Mel Simons, Ray Stanich, Dave Siegel, Al Vesik, Stu Weiss, Carol & Bob Witte...Helpful in supplying logs and newsletters and information, especially in my early years are Harry Brooks, Ray Stanich, Charlie Ingersoll, Randy Eidemiller, Fred Dickey, Meade Frierson, Graige Snader, Roger Hill, Allen Rockford, Chris Sterling, Joe Webb, Jerry Chapman, Phil Cole, Bob Burnham...Personalities who were helpful in my early days were Hal Peary, Parker Fennelly, Jackson Beck, Evie Juster, Raymond Edward Johnson, Mandel Kramer, Mary Jane Higby, Peg L. Inch...The trouble with listing names is that some have probably been left out, but not intentionally. 40 personalities get Hello Again with no charge.

My supplements and newsletter developed gradually. My monthly supplements starting in February, 1970 had comments in them. My June supplement had 480 listings and HELLO AGAIN, in honor of Jack Benny, made its appearance. Its purpose was and still is to exchange ideas about collecting and trading and to tell you all about you all and the world of old-time radio. Subscription started at \$1.00 and has been \$6.00 a year since 1976. Several logs and listings have been made available. 9 Old-Time Radio Conventions have been successfully held in the New Haven area. The last 4 were sponsored by the Friends of Old-time Radio and co-chaired by Joe Webb and myself. There are many active clubs and publications, all contributing to the preservation and promotion of vintage radio. 10 years have now passed and I know that my life is richer because of the shows and my new friends. I hope I will continue to bring Hello Again to you for another 10 years. Thank you all for your support and encouragement.

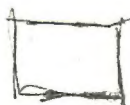


CONVENTION: 1980. This year's convention will again be held at the Holiday Inn in Bridgeport, Ct on Oct 3rd and 4th. Friday's cost will be \$10.00 and will include a buffet supper and special videotape or film showings. This will again be for those guests who are staying over Friday night and others who are in the area. Saturday's cost will be \$18.00 and will include all the day's and evening's activities including a buffet dinner, morning coffee, and hot hors d'oeuvres during the cocktail time. If anyone can bring a video tape recorder for Friday and/or Saturday and a film projector for Friday please let me know. Please send addresses of personalities, ideas for workshops, etc. We already have ideas for an expanded trivia quiz and a teaching workshop. Anyone have radio-related movies they can bring... Begin sending votes for the second annual Allen Rockford award. If a club sends it, send the breakdown of votes. Some suggested people to consider are Charlie Ingersoll, John Dunning, Roger Hill, Don Richardson, Chuck Schaden, Charles Stumpf, Ray Stanich... Rooms to the public in October will be \$40 and \$46. Our rates will be \$37 for a single and \$41 for a double. ALL reservations must be in by Sep 19th WITH a \$25 deposit. 35 rooms are being held. As soon as you are sure of the nights you are staying, let me know and I will send you a special reservation card. You may also begin sending in your Friday and Saturday registration fee now. Checks are again made out to me, Jay Hickerson, and sent to Box C, Orange, Ct 06477.

IN FOND MEMORY: Joyce Grenfell, Nov 30, 69; British actress... Norman MacDonnell, Nov 28, 63; Radio and TV producer. Helped originate GUN-SMOKE and produced ESCAPE, PHILIP MARLOWE, ROMANCE... Fulton Sheen, Dec 10, 84; Roman Catholic priest on radio and TV since 1930... Casey Robinson, Dec 6, 76; writer of more than 40 screenplays... Lesley Selander, Dec 5, 79; TV and movie director... Ann Dvorak, Dec 10, 67; movie actress... Jon Hall, Dec 13, 64; TV and movie actor. In RAMAR OF THE JUNGLE in 1953... Robert Karnes, Dec 4, 62; stage and screen actor... Darryl Zanuck, Dec 22, 77; last of the giant "golden age of Hollywood" movie producers... Joan Blondell, Dec 25, 70; movie and TV actress. in BANYON 72-73; HERE COMES THE BRIDES 68-70... Benny Davis, Dec 20, 84; composer. Wrote Margie; Baby Face; Carolina Moon... Bern Hoffman, Dec 15, 66; stage, film and TV actor... James Neilson, Dec 9, 70; TV and film director... Lee Bowman, Dec 25, 64; movie and TV actor. In MASQUERADE PARTY 58-60; ELLERY QUEEN 51-52. On radio in JONATHAN KEYS... Henry Coker, 59; jazz trombonist... Adolph Deutsch, Jan 1, 82. Wrote many film scores... RICHARD ROGERS, Dec 30, 77; one of our greatest composers.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: NARA NEWS: Fall; articles: Verna Felton, Bud Collyer, CBS RADIO WORKSHOP, personal and professional information on 39 stars of detective and murder shows, reprinted from the 40's. Includes V Vola, A Moss, D McLoughlin... COLLECTORS CORNER, Dec; Article on AMOS & ANDY... ILLUSTRATED PRESS, Dec; a review of THE SHADOW SCRAPBOOK.

BOOKS AND CLUBS: A new book by Glenhall Taylor; BEFORE TELEVISION. Barnes & Co. \$12. Over 166 pages of reminiscence by Mr. Taylor who served in many capacities in radio from the 20's to the 70's... Rex Riffle, 24 Central Av, Buckhannon, W Va 26201 is interested in starting a Jack Benny club or study group if none is formed now. Write Rex if interested.



IF BOX IS CHECKED, \$6.00 IS DUE FOR ANOTHER YEAR



CATALOGUES: Pat McCoy, Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352. Supplement 11. Pat has one of the largest collections in the country and is one of our biggest sellers of radio shows.

LOGS: Ray Stanich, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201 has an updated listing of all available WHISTLER for a SASE...Ray also has obtained a 14-page log of the radio appearances of Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy with all songs sang. It is available for \$2.00. Rick Hy, 98 Melrose Rd, Williamsville, NY 14221 looking for JOHN DOLLAR log.

THE TAPE DECK: Gordon Guy, 22 Canterbury St, E Hartford, Ct 06118 looking for publication devoted to recording equipment, maintenance, etc.

HERE AND THERE: New Addresses; Steve Macko, 357 E Dewey, Northlake, Ill 60164.

New Friends; Richard Platt, 41 No Fullerton, Montclair, NJ 07042.

Old Friends: Stu Weiss, 33 Von Braun Av, Staten Island, NY 10312 wants STEVE ALLEN SHOW in 49 or 50...Roger Kelting, 196 Freen Manor Rd, Enfield, Ct 06082 has about 18 radio premiums for sale, first come first served. A couple are 1937 Orphan Annie Starburst Decoder pin; Little Orphan Annie mug; Send SASE for list or call (203) 749-9089...Mack Harbin, 7433 Quartz Av, Canogg Pk, Cal 91306 wants to know the prize of a Buck Rogers disintegrator ray gun, 1930's. (Roger Kelting, above, mentions Tom Tambusch's radio premium price guide)...AM Treasures, Gary Dudash, Box 192, Babylon, NY 11702 will trade for good copies of soap operas, news reports, and country music...Frank Dacey, Box 117, Bronx, NY 10470 wants Terry Black's current address. I used to trade with Terry But I don't know where he is now.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire, the dancing partners of ten evergreen musicals, were reunited Nov 31 in an evening of verbal curtsy to the 50-year stage and screen career of the actress. It was the first such tribute to the 68-year old actress. She was honored by the Masquers Club...Radio profits registered a 26.4% increase in 1978 to attain a pretax income of \$311.1 million for the industry. The 1977 profits were \$246.1 million...Jimmy Durante has been ill for some time now. If you want to write him his address is Jimmy Durante, % Herman Hover, 7267 Hollywood Blvd, Los Angeles, Cal 90046...Beginning Jan 7th, CBS RADIO MYSTERY THEATER will cut back to five nights a week. It is now beginning its 7th year and is carried on 253 stations...On Feb 4th Sears Radio Theater will become MUTUAL RADIO THEATER. Sears is discontinuing its sole sponsorship. Format will remain the same with Elliot Lewis directing...Earplay, beginning Jan 6th, will provide NPR affiliates with 26 new American plays this year.

LATE MAIL: NEW FRIEND: Kenneth Karlberg, 15 Burkhall St, So Weymouth, Ma 02190...Jed Dolnick, 128 Wilson Av, West Bend, WI 53095 (new address) has had an old-time radio show over WYMS in Milwaukee since April of 1974. Does anyone have one now that started earlier?...IN FOND MEMORY: Amos Milburn, Jan 3, 51; blues singer-songwriter...William LaPata, Sr, Dec 21, 77; guitarist...Ernie Washington, Dec 24, 53; jazz pianist-singer.

Write if you get work; hang by your thumbs; Happy New Year  
Jay Hickerson, Box C, Orange, Ct 06477 (203) 795-6261 or 795-3748 #6



1940-listeners voted 3 to 1 for a return of the continued story type program on Big Town. For 5 weeks the program consisted of radio versions of straight plays instead of the adventures of Steve and Lorelei.

1936-Junior Nurse Corps., a childrens serial, premiered 2/12/36 over CBS.

1938-Ella Cinders is another comic strip that was dramatized for the radio.

1933, Jan. 3-Crime Clues first aired. Some of the stories were The Borgian Heritage, It was murder by omission. All the guests at a dinner party were served poisoned food. All but one drank coffee with an antidote, that one died. Others were: Ho, The Merry Merry Corpse; tickled to death. The Chain Letter Chopper. The Seven Lovely Butchers. There is a constant turnover in cast. In 500 broadcasts more than 350 people were used for 4500 roles. Each week the cast is different except the two central voices Dan Cassidy and Spencer Dean played by Jack McBryde and Clyde North.

1946-Wally Maher complained his directors only see him as an evil character, his major stint for the past 3 years, which has been playing bad guys on the Suspense show. In 3 years he has killed 31 persons, embezzled 5 million dollars, has been killed 18 times himself, and served 1000 years in prison. Some record!

Personal Quirks: Sammy Kaye hates mustaches and won't permit any member of his swing and sway orchester to wear or grow one.

1946-the late Fats Waller's wife was awarded a life income from the musicians estate.

Kenny Delmar, Senator Claghorn to you, will make phonograph records for Musicraft but will not be able to use his famous characterization on the discs.

In the biographical musical film, The Jolson Story, Larry Parks plays the part of the mammy singer, but the real Jolson made an appearance also where Jolson sings on the old runway in the Winter Garden Theater. Parks could not master the routine so the real Jolson stepped in to do it.

It was estimated that in eleven years Prof. Quiz gave away \$200,000. Remember though, this was between 1937 - 1948.

Cecil B. DeMille had quite a problem in how high to place a microphone head. It came about on the Lux Theater. Jane Eyre, starring Helen Hayes and Bob Montgomery - Helen Hayes stands 5'11" while Bob stands one foot taller.

Bess Johnsons personal stationary is distinguished by a drawing of a large roomy house with the words HILLTOP HOUSE inscribed under it.

Kay Kyser chalked up an all time high in dance attendance records. Sept. 1 at the Civic Auditorium in Pasadena when 8,457 people paid to dance. So great was the crowd that the management appealed to the crowd to take turns and dance every other group in order to make room.

Did it ever occur to anyone if Edgar Bergan ever made a mistake and used Charlie McCarthy's voice when Bergan was supposed to be speaking and vice versa? He had Charlie's lines typed in red and his in black, making it almost impossible for him to forget to change his voice.

Senator Frankenstein Fishface, the guy who gets everything mixed up is really Elmore Vincent.

Eddie Cantor, 1939, produced something more substantial than eloquent words in support of his ideals when he offered his Great Neck L.I. home as a gift to any organization which would maintain it as a home for children without race, color or creed distinctions. Situated on ten acres of land, his tudor mansion contains 17 rooms and was built in 1929 at a cost of \$500,000. The Cantors have occupied the home only 6 months in ten years.